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SUBJE-T: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES - "WARDS OF THE NATION"

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING TAKING UP CASE OF "WARDS OF THE NATION" AS A CLASS WITH INS/CO FOR PAROLE AUTHORIZATION ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. "WARDS" ARE VIETNAMESE WAR ORPHANS, LATE TEENS TO EARLY TWENTIES SENT TO TAIWAN FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING ON SCHOLARSHIPS POSSIBLY ESTABLISHED BY GROC-GVN AGREEMENT PROVIDED THROUGH GROC DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS. A NUMBER WERE BEING TRAINED BY TAIWAN SUGAR CORPORATION. TRAINING AND SCHOLARSHIPS WERE ABROGATED UPON FALL OF GRVN. WE BECAME AWARE OF "WARDS" THROUGH CASE OF MAI ANH VIET, WHO IS ONE OF GROUP. (VIET DENIED PAROLE FOR REUNIFICATION BECAUSE RELATIVES IN U.S. NOT IMMEDIATE

FAMILY.)

2. SO THAT CASE OF ENTIRE GROUP CAN BE CONSIDERED, REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT "WARDS" AND FURNISH ORM WITH NAMES, AGES, STATUS, FUTURE PROSPECTS IN ROC INCLUDING WHAT ASSISTANCE IS BEING OR WILL BE PROVIDED BY ROC, DATES OF ARRIVAL IN ROC, RELATIVES IN U.S., IF ANY, WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER
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RELATIVES, AND BACKGROUND OF "WARDS OF NATION" PROGRAM.

3. "WARDS" WE ARE AWARE OF ARE MAI ANH VIET AND TON LONG DUNG, RESIDING NATIONAL CHIAO UNIVERSITY, FOURTH DORMITORY, HSINCHU, AND NGUYEN HUU HE, RESIDING NO. 12 LANE 130, HSING LUNG RD, SECTION 2, TAIPEI.

4. BECAUSE PAROLE NOT CERTAIN IT IS DESIRABLE THAT HOPES NOT BE RAISED AMONG GROUP, OR EFFORTS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN TAIWAN OR ELSEWHERE NOT BE DISCOURAGED. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT ANY INQUIRY WILL AFFECT THE SITUATION SOMEWHAT. INGERSOLL

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